

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
DRAFT PROGRAM
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR) FOR THE GENERAL PLAN 2025 PROGRAM
FOR THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA
(SCH NO. 2004021108)**

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The General Plan 2025 Program involves the adoption and implementation of the following:

1. The City of Riverside General Plan 2025;
2. Comprehensive revision of the City of Riverside Zoning Code (Title 19 of the Municipal Code) and the rezoning of properties to reflect new zone names;
3. Comprehensive revision of the City of Riverside Subdivision Code (Title 18 of the Municipal Code);
4. Citywide Design Guidelines; and
5. The Magnolia Avenue Specific Plan.

PROJECT LOCATION: The City of Riverside is located in western Riverside County and is bounded on the north by the unincorporated Riverside County communities of Rubidoux and Jurupa and the City of Colton (San Bernardino County), on the east by the Riverside County and the City of Moreno Valley, to the south by unincorporated communities of Riverside County and to the west by the Riverside County cities of Norco and Corona.

The Project Planning Area consists of the corporate boundaries of the City of Riverside, the City's Northern Sphere of Influence and the near Southern (or proximate) Sphere of Influence. The "near Southern Sphere of Influence" encompasses lands from the City's southerly corporate limits to the crest of the Cajalco Ridge, just south of Cajalco Road. The Planning Area does not include the "far Southern Sphere," which lies southerly of the crest of the Cajalco Ridge. The City of Riverside adopted a General Plan for the far Southern Sphere in 1998; the Program proposes no changes to that plan.

SIGNIFICANT EFFECTS: The draft Program EIR analyzes the potential impacts of the proposed project related to land use planning, transportation and circulation, air quality, noise, hydrology and water quality, aesthetics, geology/soils, agricultural resources, biological resources, cultural and paleontological resources, mineral resources, recreation, population and housing, public services and utilities and service systems. All of the potential significant impacts could be mitigated to less than significant levels by mitigation identified in the Draft Program EIR except for those related to long term air quality, noise, traffic/transportation and public services – libraries.

HAZARDOUS WASTE SITES: Pursuant to Section 15087 c 6 of the Guidelines for California Environmental Quality Act the City acknowledges the presence of hazardous waste sites within the planning area reviewed by this Draft Program EIR.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: The City of Riverside will begin holding formal public hearings with the City Planning Commission on the General Plan 2025 Program beginning on Thursday, February 17, 2005, at 6:00 p.m. at the City of Riverside City Hall Art Pick Council Chambers, located at 3900 Main Street, Riverside, California, to receive testimony on the Draft Program EIR.

PROJECT CONTACT: Craig Aaron, Principal Planner

PHONE: (951) 826-5989

E-MAIL: caaron@riversideca.gov

PUBLIC REVIEW AND WRITTEN COMMENTS: The review period for submitting written comments on the Draft Program EIR commences on November 19, 2004 and will close on January 3, 2005 at 5:00 p.m. The length of this review has been approved by the State Clearinghouse. Written responses to any comments submitted within this period will be made by the City and included in the Final EIR provided to the City Planning Commission prior to the above noted public hearing. All written comments should be directed to Craig Aaron, Principal Planner at the address below. Comments may also be submitted via e-mail. Pursuant to State law, no written response to comments received after January 3, 2005 at 5:00 p.m. will be given. If you have any questions regarding the Draft Program EIR, please contact Mr. Aaron by e-mail or phone as indicated above.

Comments should be addressed to:

Craig Aaron, Principal Planner
City of Riverside, Planning and Building Department
3900 Main Street, 3rd Floor
Riverside, CA 92522

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The draft Program EIR is available for purchase at the City Planning and Building Department, located at the address above, and may also be viewed on the City's website at <http://www.riversideca.gov/planning/genplan2025-2.htm>, as well as at the City libraries. The various Program documents noted in the above project description are also available at these same locations.